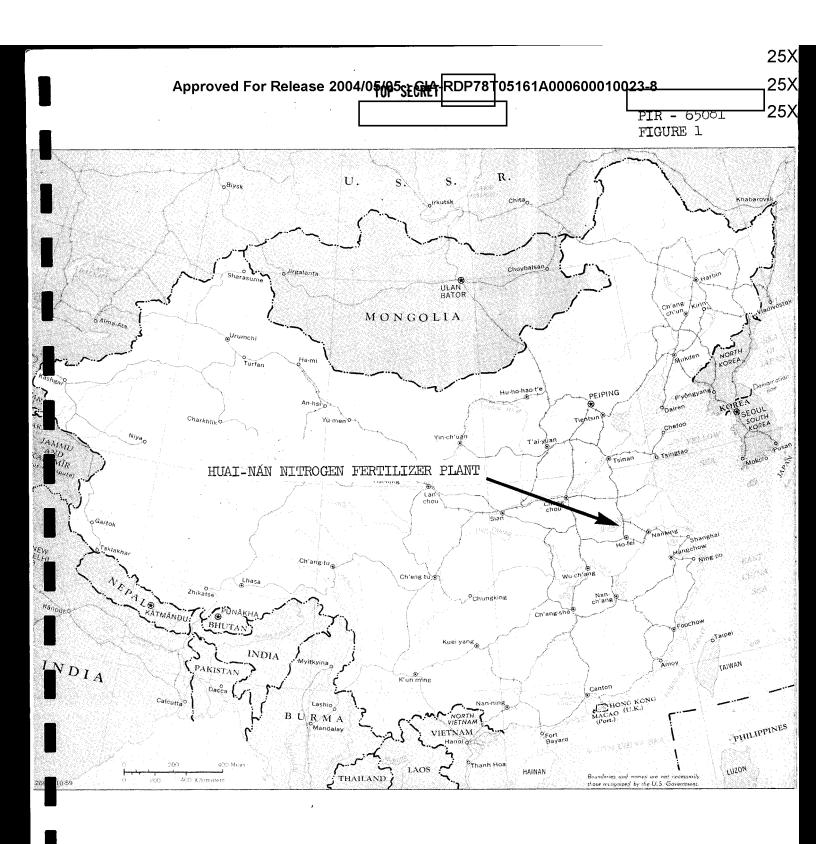
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## HUAI-NAN NITROGEN FERTILIZER PLANT HUAI-NAN, CHINA

The Huai-nan Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant is located at approximate geographic coordinates 32 40N - 116 57E and is 3 nm southwest of the city of Huai-nan in Anhwei Province, China (Figures 1 and 2). It is also 10 nm east-northeast of Shou-hsien and 1.5 nm south of the Huai-Ho (river).

According to an open source report (1, Documents), this plant was scheduled to begin production of ammonium sulfate using locally available coal and sulfide ores as raw materials in 1960. The most recent photographic coverage of indicates, however, that the plant was in a mid-stage of construction (Figure 7) and that the plant may eventually be capable of ammonium nitrate production. In the gas plant and ammonia synthesis area appeared essentially complete. A possible nitric acid area was under construction as were a number of warehouses, shops, and tanks in various areas of the plant. A rail spur into the plant area appeared incomplete.

At this stage of construction, the plant can be subdivided into four major areas, annotated by letter on Figure 5: (a) gas plant for producing hydrogen and nitrogen, (b) ammonia synthesis section, (c) possible nitric acid area under construction, (d) construction area. In addition, some of the specific facilities within these four areas have been identified by number on Figure 5:

(1) (2)	Coal processing building Boilerhouse								
(3) (4)	Retort building and gas ovens Two gasholders under construction								
(5) Ammonia synthesis building (6) Tower for waste gases, erected since									
Areas of	construction since								
(7)	Possible nitric acid building								
(8)-(11)	Buildings completed or constructed between								
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See Figure 7, a more recent photo of this plant, for comparative purposes.

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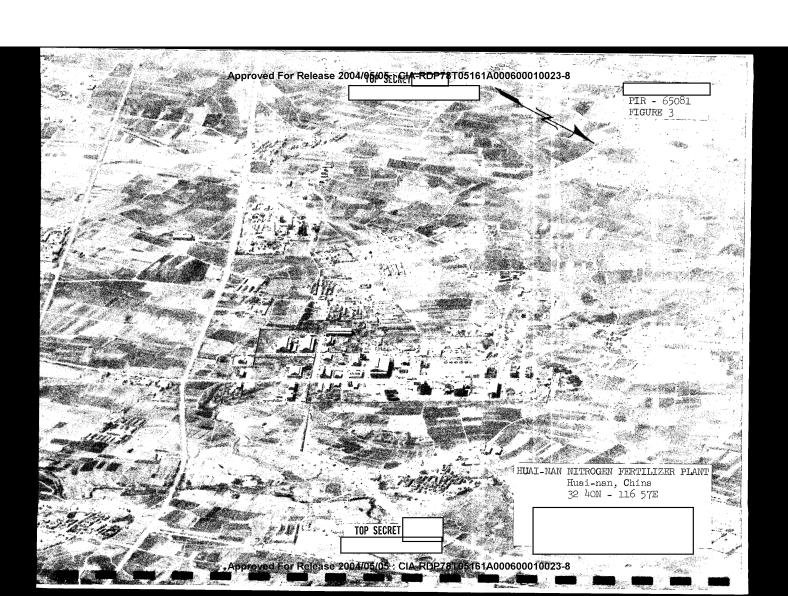
Area E is an unidentified plant one nm south-southwest of the fertilizer plant. It is road and rail served and consists of a bulk material unloading area, several conveyors, several free standing stacks, at least eight tanks, and associated buildings. This plant may be related to the fertilizer plant.

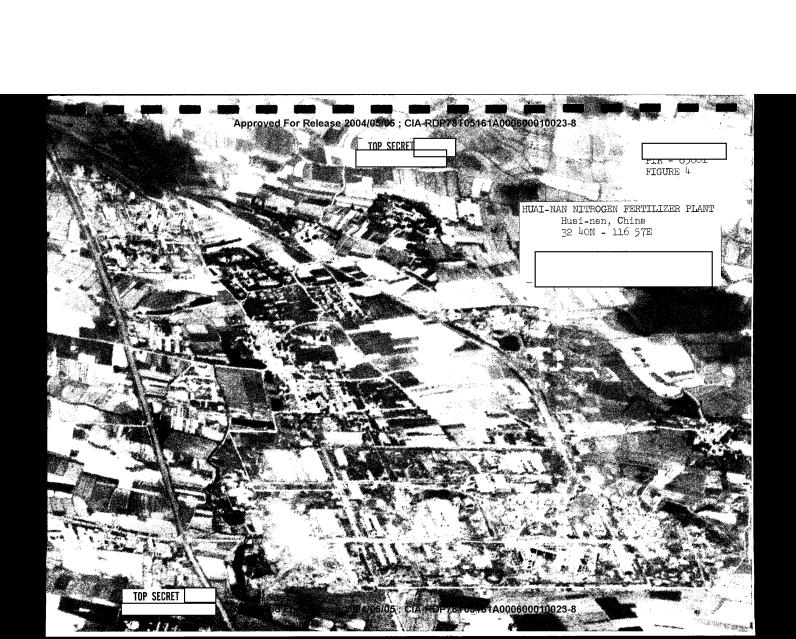
There is a great degree of similarity between the Huai-nan Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant and the Kuang-chou Chemical Fertilizer Plant at geographic coordinates 23 08N - 113 23E (Figures 5 and 6). The layout and building configuration of the facilities for production of hydrogen and nitrogen and ammonia synthesis are practically identical at these two plants. The possible nitric acid area at Huai-nan is in the same relative plant location as the sulfuric acid area at Kuang-chou. However, the two areas are quite dissimilar. A more detailed description of the Kuang-chou plant is given in CIA/PIR 65051.

Construction of the Huai-nan Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant has progressed								
slowly during the period On the photography								
(Figure 3), the boilerhouse and retort building (annotations								
2 and 3, Figure 5) appeared complete as did the ammonia synthesis building								
(Annotation 5, Figure 5). The coal processing building and one gasholder								
(Annotations 1 and 4, Figure 5) were under construction. No major changes								
occurred between however,								
the coal processing building and a conveyor connecting it to the boiler-								
house appeared complete; construction of a second gasholder and a possible								
nitric acid area had begun (Figure 5). On the latest available coverage of								
the possible nitric acid building (Annotation 7, Figure 5)								
is in a mid-stage of construction. In addition, a number of buildings								
have been completed or constructed between (Annotations								
8-10, Figure 5).								

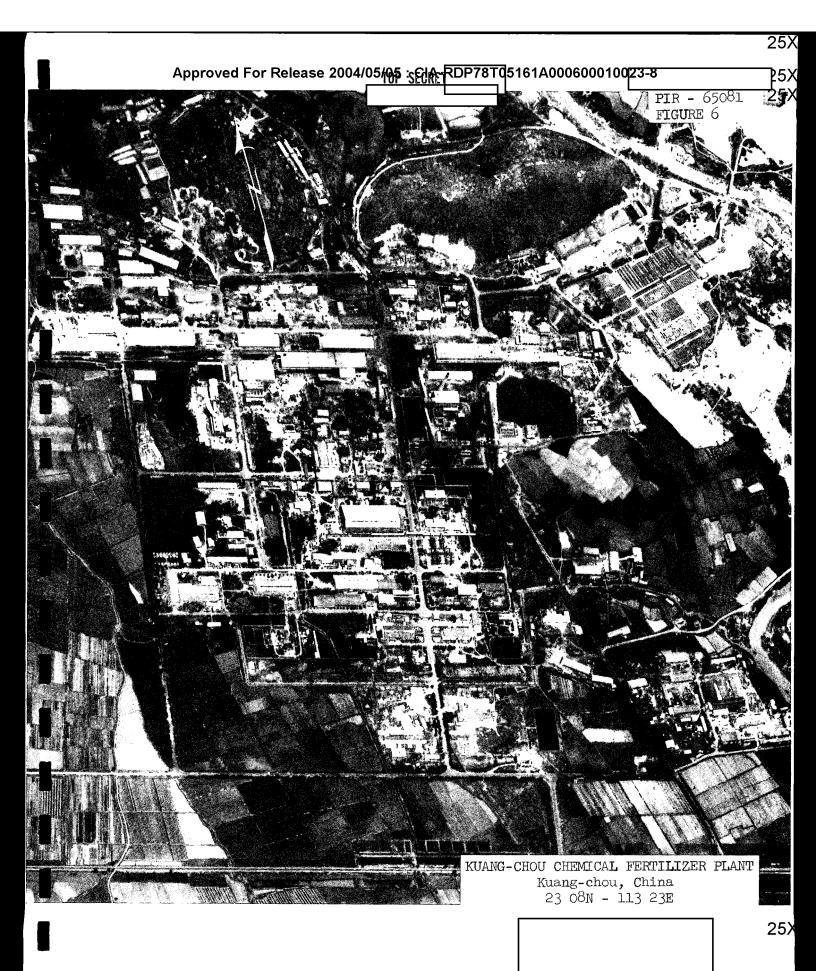
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